UNITED STATES DOMESTIC LETTER RATES FROM THE ACT OF 1792 TO OCTOBER 1, 1883

REFERENCES, RATE CHANGES, and POSTAL MARKINGS

Within the exhibit, each **POSTAL ACT** Chapter includes information indicating the applicable **POSTAL RATES**. The tabulated **RATE CHANGES** of significant discoveries, applicable to **POSTAL MARKINGS,** are Highlighted.

POSTAL RATES

"***POSTAGE RATES, 1789 – 1930****, Abstract of Laws Passed Between 1789 and 1930 Fixing Rates of Postage and According Free Mail Privileges"* United States Post Office Department, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C. 1939; **Reprinted by *Virginia Postal History Society*, Nov. 12, 1982**. Pages 1 to 15.

- ***Advantage of Literature:*** Information for each **POSTAL ACT** is condensed and includes only significant data.

POSTAL ACTS

Available online at **www.rfrajola.com**. From Website Homepage, scroll down to **Postal History Resources** and "Click" the banner. New page activated listing Reference Material in three columns. "Click" the specific **Postal Act** (Left-hand column) for the PDF File of the ACT. ***Note:*** "**1792 Postal Rates**" (middle column) is a good summary of the 1792 Rates rather than the entire 1792 Postal Act.

- ***Disadvantage of Website:*** Most POSTAL ACTS contain extensive information extraneous to the Exhibit. Recommend obtaining pages from the booklet ***Virginia Postal History Society*** available from the APS Library.

RATE CHANGES

In order of ***appearance within the exhibit*** are the following significant examples of Rate Changes:

- LAST DAY, 12¢ WAR RATE of 1815. [Frame 3 / Page 2]
- FIRST BUSINESS DAY, 12½¢ RESTORED RATE of 1816. [F 4 / P 5]
- FIRST BUSINESS DAY, 17¢ RESTORED RATE of 1816. [F 4 / P 6]
- LAST DAY, 6¢ Rate of the Act of 1825. [F 5 / P 9]
- LAST DAY, 12½¢ Rate of the Act of 1825. [F 5 / P 14]
- FIRST DAY, 18¾¢ Rate of the Act of 1825, and Forwarded. [F 6 / P 9]
- LAST DAY, 18¾¢ Rate of the Act of 1825. Express Mail. [F 6 / P 12]
- FIRST DAY, 5¢ Rate of the Act of 1845. [F 7 / P 2]
- FIRST DAY, 10¢ Rate of the Act of 1845. [F 7 / P 5]
- LAST DAY, 5¢ Rate of the Act of 1845. [F 7 / P 10]
- LAST DAY, 10¢ Rate of the Act of 1845, Express Mail. [F 7 / P 11]
- FIRST DAY, 3¢ Prepaid Rate of the Act of 1851. [F 8 / P 1]
- LAST DAY, Postal Act of 1851. [F 8 / P 2]
- FIRST DAY, 5¢ Not Prepaid Rate of the Act of 1851. [F 8 / P 3]
- FIRST DAY, 10¢ Not Prepaid Rate of the Act of 1851. [F 8 / P 6]
- Posted June 24, 1851 (near end of Act of 1845) and Forwarded on the FIRST DAY of subsequent Act of 1851. [F 8 / P 8]
- FIRST DAY, 2¢ Rate of the Act of 1883 and FIRST DAY of 2¢ Issue of October 1, 1883. [F 10 / P 32]
- FIRST DAY, 2¢ Rate of the Act of 1883 with 3¢ issue, 1¢ Overpaid. [F 10 / P 32]

POSTAL MARKINGS

***AMERICAN STAMPLESS COVER CATALOG*, Volume I,** Fourth Edition, David G. Philips Publishing.
In order of ***appearance within the exhibit,*** the following pages, from the above reference, apply to discoveries:

- Page 23: "Notes on Postage Rates and Payment of Postage, The 6-1/4¢ Rate." [Frame 1 / Page 2]
- (No Reference Page): Discovery: Previously unknown manuscript from East Douglas (Rhode Island) in 1797. [F 1 / P 3]
- Page 216: Discovery: Latest usage of New York City Straight Line Handstamp during First Federal Rates. [F 1 / P 8]
- Page 202: Discovery: Earliest Known Use of (Territorial) Straight Line Cancel during **WAR RATES.** [F 3 / P 11]
- Page 75: Discovery: Unlisted *High* **a** variation of Augusta (Georgia) handstamp used during **WAR RATES.** [F 3 / P 13]
- Page 315: Discovery: Previously unlisted usage of Philadelphia 30mm CDS in 1845. [F 7 / P 2]